

**FCC Hearing RM-10803**  
**Task force on Broadcast Localism**

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**I am writing to comment on the commercial radio license renewal request for WDCG (G105) in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.** I understand that a hearing on this subject is scheduled for October 22, 2003 in Charlotte, NC. Since I will be unable to attend in person, I am submitting my comments for consideration in the evaluation of this renewal request.

I have significant concern with the manner in which WDCG and the Clear Channel Corporation have utilized the privilege of their commercial radio license.

**In September, 2003, the WDCG morning radio hosts "Bob and Madison" openly advocated felonious assault and violence against a segment of the population – cyclists riding bicycles on public roadways.** In addition to his own comments advocating assault with intent to kill cyclists by throwing bottles at us from moving vehicles, host Bob Dumas also aired calls from listeners who shared stories of hitting cyclists with their cars, shooting at their bicycle tires, and other felony assault actions. Bob supported these views and advocated similar felonious assaults against cyclists.

The weekend after this show was aired, a personal friend of mine was intentionally hit by an automobile driver in a hit-and-run incident while he was riding with another cyclist on a public road in Cary, NC (in the G105 broadcast area). I can provide the cyclist's name and the police report upon request for verification. This was just the sort of felonious assault advocated on G105. Cyclists, of course, have the same rights as automobiles to ride on most public roads in North Carolina (with the exception of limited-access divided highways).

As I understand it, this is the latest in a series of broadcasts advocating assault against cyclists aired by Clear Channel radio stations across the country. Apparently Clear Channel has attracted significant attention in these communities as a result of these broadcasts encouraging assault against cyclists. They then simply "hunker down" and weather the storm of protests from cyclists and offer to air a few PSA's while enjoying increased ratings and revenues resulting from the attention. *In effect they have been monetarily rewarded for their broadcasts encouraging people to injure and/or kill cyclists.*

**The WDCG broadcast has literally placed my life in jeopardy when I ride my bicycle. They have encouraged drivers to attempt to injure or kill me when I ride. This is not a responsible use of the commercial broadcast license they have the privilege of holding.**

The station management at WDCG as well as the management of parent company Clear Channel have made only a token effort to appease the "triangle area" cycling community with a few Public Service Announcements. These PSA's are simply not adequate to mitigate the jeopardy WDCG has placed my life in as well as the lives of other area cyclists. This behavior should not be rewarded with the renewal of a valuable commercial radio license. This license should instead be rewarded to an alternative owner that will not use it to broadcast hatred and advocate assault and killing of citizens.

Sincerely,

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